

REPORT
OF
THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,

IN ANSWER TO

A resolution of the Senate calling for information as to the time at which each of the vessels of the navy were built, the original cost thereof, the cost of repairs, and their present condition, &c.

JUNE 11, 1858.—Read; motion to print referred to the Committee on Printing.

JUNE 12, 1858.—Report in favor of printing submitted, considered, and agreed to.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
June 11, 1858.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the resolution of the Senate of May 27, 1858, directing the Secretary of the Navy to "inform the Senate the time at which each of the vessels of the navy were built, and the original cost thereof, and the amount and time of the repairs on each, exceeding five thousand dollars at one time; also the present condition of each as to competency for service, and where the same now are;" and to transmit herewith a statement prepared by the Bureau of Construction, Equipment and Repair, of this department, which furnishes, as far as shown by the records, the information called for by the resolution.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
ISAAC TOUCEY.

Hon. JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
President of the Senate.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Bureau of Construction, &c., June 10, 1858.

SIR: In compliance with the endorsement on the resolution of the Senate of the 27th May, requiring the cost and time of the repairs of the vessels of the navy, &c., I have the honor herewith to enclose a report of the same, as far as shown by the records of this bureau. In some cases complete returns of the repairs have not yet been forwarded, and in others the ships are now undergoing repairs.

The resolution referred to is herewith returned.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
JOHN LENTHALL,
Chief of the Bureau.

Hon. ISAAC TOUCEY,
Secretary of the Navy.

Statement of the time at which each of the vessels of the navy were built, and the original cost thereof, and the amount and time of the repairs on each, exceeding five thousand dollars at one time; also the present condition of each as to competency for service, and where the same now are.

Name of vessel.	When built.	Cost of building and equipping.	Date of repairs.	Amount of repairs.	Present condition.	Station.
SHIPS-OF-THE-LINE.						
Pennsylvania -----	1837	\$693,738 68	1842	\$49,993 18	Requiring repairs..	Gosport.
			1842 to 1844	9,617 68		
			1844 to 1849	20,142 05		
Columbus -----	1819	426,931 12	1825 to 1841	172,510 85	-----do-----	Gosport.
			1842	91,410 64		
			1845	75,463 14		
			1848-'49	7,180 05		
Ohio-----	1820	309,769 38	1826 to 1837	416,052 01	-----do-----	Boston.
			1838	99,733 18		
			1841 to 1846	33,307 96		
			1847	215,159 17		
North Carolina-----	1820	431,852 00	1825	141,547 23	-----do-----	Boston.
			1826 to 1835	19,502 30		
			1836	276,797 07		
			1839 to 1844	19,426 18		
			1844 to 1849	42,541 50		
Delaware-----	1820	624,062 03	1828	141,832 64	-----do-----	Gosport.
			1831	5,075 42		
			1833	133,779 56		
			1841	227,236 91		
			1844 to 1849	5,415 04		
Vermont -----	1818 to 1854	349,326 96			-----do-----	Boston.
New Orleans-----	1815	No account rendered.			On the stocks at Sackett's Harbor.	
Alabama -----	1818	*304,533 65			On the stocks at Kittery.	

Virginia	1818	*184,341 65			On the stocks at Boston.	
New York	1818	*219,745 53			On the stocks at Gosport.	
FRIGATES.						
Constitution	1797	302,718 84	1802 to 1812	Not known.	Fit for service.....	Kittery.
			1828 to 1833	29,423 09		
			1834	142,792 85		
			1835	8,392 17		
			1839	79,031 63		
			1841 to 1843	13,574 95		
			1844	37,214 52		
			1848	198,617 03		
			1851 to 1853	61,305 81		
			1858	†186,953 99		
United States.....	1797	421,810 00	1800 to 1821	Not known.	Requiring repairs..	Gosport.
			1823	222,083 89		
			1831	5,823 93		
			1832	208,148 13		
			1836	81,245 19		
			1839	104,142 19		
			1840	14,718 41		
			1841	45,514 28		
			1846	89,807 99		
Potomac	1821	†231,013 02	1831	16,577 12	Fit for service.....	Gosport.
			1835	54,648 55		
			1840	181,342 52		
			1843	56,210 50		
			1844	8,401 89		
			1845 to 1847	11,657 51		
			1855	13,661 45		
			1851 to 1855	237,653 62		

* So far.

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Brandywine.....	1825	*\$299,218 12	1826 1830 1834 1839 1841 to 1843 1847	\$59,792 85 90,893 39 109,633 52 191,030 42 18,150 71 81,685 41	Requiring repairs..	New York.
Columbia.....	1836	336,716 26	1838 1842 1850 to 1853 1854	15,889 26 68,267 08 156,923 99 6,526 82	-----do-----	Gosport.
Congress.....	1842	353,205 13	1853-'54 1845 1849-'50 1850 to 1853 1858	7,953 17 72,379 21 80,512 30 130,323 94 28,532 87	Repairing at this time.	Philadelphia.
Raritan.....	1843	355,374 67	1849 1850 1853 to 1856	100,510 74 26,707 08 *104,677 96	Fit for sea.....	Gosport.
St. Lawrence.....	1848	377,587 02	1851 1856	82,982 88 82,411 85	At sea.....	Brazil.
Santee.....	1855	*411,493 18			Fitting for sea....	Kittery.
Sabine.....	1855	*439,379 89			-----do-----	New York.
SLOOPS-OF-WAR.						
Cumberland.....	1842	320,086 83	1846 1847 1849 1851-'52 1856-'57	27,463 81 56,858 52 56,858 88 *36,602 39 *161,085 33	At sea.....	Coast of Africa.
Repairs of razeeing.....						

Savannah -----	1843	403,086 54	1843	68,132 90	Fitting for sea ----	Home squadron.
			1849	16,265 14		
			1852-'53	82,624 78		
			1857	*3,108 47		
Repairs of razeeing -----					At sea -----	Home squadron.
Constellation -----	1853	277,106 18	1838	8,714 96	do -----	Mediterranean.
Macedonian -----	1836	255,463 02	1839	19,896 95		
			1840-'41	13,029 52		
			1843	23,452 62		
			1847	14,533 40		
Repairs of razeeing -----			1853	166,639 00		
			1858	*152,888 49		
* Portsmouth -----	1843	1,847,052 20	1848	27,730 07	do -----	East Indies.
			1851	*34,826 86		
			1856	53,481 11		
Plymouth -----	1843	146,076 85	1848	43,734 93	do -----	Home squadron.
			1851	38,377 31		
As school ship -----			1856	67,000 73		
As practice ship -----			1857	14,125 95		
St. Mary's -----	1844	163,997 36	1845 to 1847	7,688 18	do -----	Pacific.
			1848	23,275 49		
			1850	35,474 38		
			1853	58,273 10		
Jamestown -----	1845	176,544 63	1847	55,562 75	do -----	Home squadron.
			1850-'51	71,699 83		
			1854-'55	64,975 88		
Germantown -----	1846	142,956 89	1848	14,407 63	do -----	East Indies.
			1849	6,083 93		
			1851	23,955 07		
			1853	48,607 53		
			1857	45,868 20		
Saratoga -----	1842	139,630 01	1843	11,828 31	Ready for sea ----	Home squadron.
			1845	25,042 40		
			1847	23,873 00		
			1848	32,515 02		
			1850	27,415 72		
			1854-'55	73,136 23		
			1858	*20,585 80		

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John Adams-----	1831	\$112,087 12	1834 1837 1842 1845 1845 to 1847 1849 1851 1854	\$27,590 29 111,605 36 40,543 86 42,259 43 5,890 00 79,220 21 9,166 54 *35,812 83	Requiring repairs--	Norfolk.
Vincennes -----	1826	112,565 46	1830 1833 1838 1842 1845 1849 1852-'53 1857	56,544 85 13,268 78 126,284 24 11,491 12 19,545 43 99,861 40 69,928 04 *13,883 98	At sea -----	Coast of Africa.
Falmouth -----	1827	99,962 77	1828 1831 1834 1837 1842-'43 1844 1849 1852 to 1854 1855 to 1857	5,041 40 68,561 25 24,356 17 57,386 52 100,737 12 9,108 50 68,883 64 58,853 94 34,807 83	-----do-----	Brazil.
Vandalia -----	1828	99,155 98	1832 1834 1841 1843-'44 1849	28,357 37 36,609 51 99,795 63 11,547 22 109,683 42	-----do-----	Pacific.

VESSELS OF THE NAVY.

St. Louis.....	1828	125,468 35	1853	45,162 60	Repairing -----	New York.
			1857	79,330 58		
			1832	29,515 94		
			1833	8,305 59		
			1834	40,458 68		
Cyane	1838	131,139 92	1839	116,205 06	-----do-----	Gosport.
			1843	18,639 87		
			1848	43,228 12		
			1852	65,978 18		
			1855	50,514 13		
			1842	22,713 57		
			1845	47,145 47		
			1849 to 1851	66,760 20		
			1852	5,628 53		
			1853	24,131 68		
Levant	1838	163,322 25	1854	5,348 06	-----do-----	Boston.
			1854-'55	54,441 32		
			1858	*13,680 39		
			1838 to 1842	6,778 15		
			1843	15,846 71		
			1852	95,724 60		
Decatur	1839	113,884 67	1855	48,061 54	At sea -----	Pacific.
			1843	7,463 50		
			1847	45,537 26		
			1848	9,959 93		
			1851	33,849 06		
			1853	*17,015 40		
			1854	*12,428 13		
			1856	*8,477 22		
Marion.....	1839	116,861 06	1845	27,723 06	-----do-----	Coast of Africa.
			1848	55,047 24		
			1852-'53	24,296 95		
			1856 to 1858	*88,426 76		
Dale	1839	97,361 20	1846	44,319 26	-----do-----	Coast of Africa.
			1850	39,554 46		
			1856-'57	41,919 01		

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Preble -----	1839	\$102,079 76	1844	\$6,828 27	In good condition.	Gosport.
School ship -----			1846	37,963 88		
School ship -----			1851	47,618 30		
School ship -----			1852-'53	13,069 19		
School ship -----			1857	40,346 90		
School ship -----			1858	*8,933 36		
BRIGS.						
Bainbridge -----	1842	45,246 33	1848	14,405 06	At sea -----	Coast of Africa.
			1850	20,960 60		
			1853	20,389 13		
			1855	5,484 56		
Perry -----	1843	42,672 73	1857-'58	*34,407 10	-----do-----	Brazil.
			1846	15,962 20		
			1847	17,967 55		
			1849	14,548 92		
			1851-'52	18,911 10		
			1857-'58	*47,870 74		
Dolphin -----	1836	42,659 01	1839	20,710 44	-----do-----	
			1842	9,207 07		
			1845	13,848 45		
			1848	28,263 26		
			1851	14,006 04		
			1852	12,163 60		
			1853	7,245 14		
			1854-'55	12,627 15		
			1857-'58	*37,606 80		

SCHOONER.						
Fennimore Cooper (purchased) -----	1852	8,000 00	1853	7,261 62	-----	Mare Island.
STORE SHIPS.						
Relief -----	1836	89,662 26	1837-'38	8,547 11	At sea -----	
			1840	7,441 75		
			1846	42,620 65		
			1848	8,387 89		
			1849	26,559 07		
			1851	6,651 83		
			1852	9,551 49		
			1853	16,601 56		
			1854	14,542 27		
			1855	21,459 33		
			1857	*8,379 06		
Supply (purchased) -----	1846	45,000 00	1847	58,750 69	-----do-----	
			1849	16,522 85		
			1852	16,626 89		
			1955	37,780 17		
Release (purchased)-----	1846	17,000 00	1855	34,116 80	Fitting for sea ----	
			1857-'58	5,118 22		
PERMANENT STORE AND RECEIVING SHIPS.						
Independence (razeed)-----	1814	421,810 00	1837	287,600 14	Temporary store	Mare Island.
			1842	75,411 90	vessel at	
			1846	178,727 48		
			1849	38,107 30		
			1852 to 1854	146,112 91		
Alleghany -----	1847	242,595 92	1848	15,973 12	In good condition--	Receiving ship, Bal-
Alterations -----				219,027 00		timore.
Princeton -----	1851-'52	152,583 12	1853	17,127 50	-----do-----	Receiving ship, Phil-
			1854	41,024 22		adelphia.

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Warren -----	1826	\$97,909 85	1831 1835 1839 1841 1843	\$54,249 06 26,026 80 92,157 40 7,821 06 21,269 48	In good condition.	Mare Island.
Fredonia (purchased) -----	1846	52,000 00	1847 1848 1848 1851-'52	63,303 10 12,094 67 13,641 20 27,788 88	-----do-----	Valparaiso, Chile.
STEAMERS.						
Niagara -----	1854 to 1857	1,062,422 44			At sea -----	
Roanoke -----	1854 to 1857	*833,892 23	1858	*105,902 77	Nearly ready for sea	Boston.
Colorado -----	1854 to 1858	*830,832 15			At sea -----	Home squadron.
Merrimack -----	1854 to 1856	879,126 67	1856 1856 1857	6,677 59 *6,216 04 *36,745 34	-----do-----	Pacific.
Minnesota -----	1854 to 1857	894,152 96	1857	11,318 59	-----do-----	East Indies.
Wabash -----	1854 to 1856	894,777 68	1856 1857	*5,740 02 *20,936 63	-----do-----	Home squadron.
Franklin -----	Building.	*455,892 51			On the stocks -----	Kittery.
Stevens' war steamer -----		500,000 00			Building at -----	Hoboken.
San Jacinto -----	1847 to 1850	441,542 06	1852 1853-'54 1855	5,632 54 70,509 69 74,115 94	At sea -----	East Indies.
Lancaster -----	1857	*54,215 33			Building -----	Philadelphia.
Pensacola -----	1857	*60,853 55			-----do-----	Warrington.
Brooklyn -----	1857	No report.			-----do-----	City of New York.
Hartford -----	1857	*109,010 39			-----do-----	Boston.
Richmond -----	1857	*79,743 85			-----do-----	Gosport.

Massachusetts (transferred from War Department.)	1845	-----	1853-'54	110,124 85	-----	
John Hancock-----	1851	31,261 74	1851	*26,820 38	In ordinary-----	Mare Island.
			1852-'53	5,833 46		
Despatch (purchased)-----	1855	51,000 00	1855-'56	76,521 06		
Arctic (prepared for Arctic expedition)	1855	56,702 40	1855	24,854 19	At sea-----	Home squadron.
Mississippi-----	1841	561,670 70	1842 to 1844	5,975 16	do-----	East Indies.
			1844-'45	7,101 65		
			1845 to 1848	50,500 49		
			1847	41,290 16		
			1848	32,217 70		
			1849	7,828 57		
			1849	165,047 73		
			1852	90,963 14		
			1851-'52	63,968 25		
			1855 to 1857	*207,427 33		
Susquehanna-----	1847 to 1851	734,476 17	1855-'56	266,284 41	In good condition--	New York.
Powhatan-----	1847 to 1852	788,160 80	1852-'53	26,921 21	At sea-----	East Indies.
			1856-'57	*209,499 14		
Saranac-----	1850	408,224 09	1850	21,667 12	do-----	Pacific.
			1852	53,195 02		
			1856-'57	*162,808 62		
Fulton-----	1838	306,705 16	1838 to 1844	45,276 11	do-----	Home squadron.
Altering-----	-----	-----	1850 to 1852	138,071 43		
			1853	10,837 70		
Michigan-----	1844	152,478 71	1854	10,985 95	In commission-----	Lakes.
Water Witch-----	1852	84,463 47	1856-'57	23,256 90	At sea-----	Home squadron.

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